

DADE HERITAGE TRUST, INC.  
Executive Committee  
Minutes of the May 24, 1983 Meeting

The Executive Committee of Dade Heritage Trust, Inc. held a special meeting Tuesday, May 24, 1983, at 12:30 p.m. at 2285 S.W. 17th Avenue, Miami. Present were:

Donald Slesnick II, President  
Becky Matkov, First Vice President  
John Clark, Second Vice President  
Marty Stofik, Secretary  
Hank Hamilton, Treasurer  
Michael Maxwell, At-Large Trustee

Mr. Slesnick advised the Committee that the corporation is in serious financial difficulty. A report listing bills due was distributed.

Mrs. Matkov expressed concern that the printing bill for Preservation Today had not been paid. Committee members concurred with the suggestion that each Trustee be responsible to sell one or two ads for the summer issue of the magazine. Sufficient advertising must be sold for the publication to become self-sustaining and fiscally solid within a short period of time.

At the suggestion of Mr. Hamilton, the Committee considered the possibility of changing the corporation's fiscal year to better conform to the activity year, perhaps an October 1-September 30 fiscal year. This would allow new Boards an opportunity to begin a new budget year shortly after taking office.

Also discussed were tighter controls over the independent funds, such as the Antique Show, with all checkbooks kept at the office, and access to the funds by those officers responsible for the finances of the corporation.

The Committee approved Mr. Slesnick's proposal of a wine and cheese reception in honor of the Smithsonian exhibit "Buildings Reborn: New Uses, Old Places" to be held Monday, June 6 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Vizcaya. A charge of \$10 per couple was approved. No admission will be charged to those joining DHT as a new member at the door. Each Trustee will be expected to bring ten guests to the event. Mr. Maxwell will notify the Trustees. Mrs. Stofik offered to attempt to obtain a donation of the cheese from Publix. Mr. Slesnick said the facility and the wine are being provided by Vizcaya.

The Committee discussed the need for better financial planning and controls and for exploring and obtaining long-term funding sources such as grants and corporate sponsorships.

The financial situation and possible solutions will be discussed further at the next Board of Trustees meeting, June 21, 7:30 p.m. to be held at the home of John Clark, 3696 Bayview Road, Coconut Grove.

Mr. Slesnick expressed a need to assign Trustees to organize and monitor specific projects and duties. The following Trustees were appointed:

Mr. Hamilton will oversee finances as Treasurer.

Mrs. Matkov will continue to chair the publications committee and be responsible for the production of Preservation Today.

Mr. Clark will maintain the historic sites portfolio, expanding his duties to establish a policy on the corporation's role in preservation and how it should be implemented, activate the historic sites watchdog committee, and be responsible for ongoing restoration and activities at the Wagner Homestead and Dr. Jackson's Office.

Mrs. Stofik will continue to edit the monthly newsletter, produce a 1983-84 membership directory, and organize a county-wide council of preservation boards, asking for assistance on the council project from Trustees John Fullerton and Arlene Commings.

Mr. Maxwell will be in charge of Preservation Week '84 activities, and head the awards committee for the Florida Trust for Historic Preservation State Conference.

Beth Ann Clark will be asked to handle House Operations, overseeing the operation of the DHT office.

Mr. Clark and Mr. Maxwell also will handle government relations.

Other portfolios still to be assigned include fund raising and political liason.

With the approval of the Committee, Mr. Slesnick will ask for the resignation of Trustee Dennis King under the provisions of the By-Laws.

Mr. Slesnick asked for attendance at the Tuesday, May 31, Miami City Commission meeting to show support for two proposals being presented as pocket items by Mayor Maurice Ferre.

One is a grant to study the feasibility of publishing a book on Greater Miami for use in promotion of the city.

The second is a request for \$18,000 to be matched by funds from the federal jobs bill being administered by the Florida Department of Archives, History and Records Management.

Mr. Slesnick is serving on the ad-hoc committee advising DAHRM on distribution of the funds appropriated to Florida under the bill.

Mr. Slesnick reported that he and Executive Director Paul Thompson had met with Frank Thompson, District Vice President for Florida Power and Light with regard to FP&L's demolition of the Ryan Building.

While DHT was unsuccessful in obtaining accurate information on FP&L's plans for the structure, thereby being unable to attempt to prevent the demolition, the corporation has obtained certain architectural items from the building. FP&L had removed the cast bronze expansion bands from the columns, a section of the coffered ceiling, a wrought iron banister and other materials and has agreed to donate them to DHT.



Continued discussions are taking place as to FP&L's possible future role with DHT.

Mr. Slesnick announced that DHT has agreed to host the 1983 Florida Trust for Historic Preservation State Convention, September 29-October 1. Prices quoted were similar for facilities offered by the Hyatt, Sheraton Royal Biscayne and Sonesta Beach Hotels.

The Committee expressed preference for one of the Key Biscayne sites. Mr. Slesnick asked Committee members to accompany him to assess the facilities offered at those hotels.

A Trustee will be sought to organize the statewide conference.

These items will be explored in further detail at the next Board of Trustees meeting. Other items to be discussed will include establishing a memorial to DHT Member Harvey Napier.

Mrs. Matkov announced that a yard sale to benefit DHT was being organized by Sallye Jude.

The meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.